

H E A L T H F A C I L I T I E S

Two facilities relevant to Star, one public and the other private, are the Montgomery County Memorial Hospital and Allen's Convalescent Home, respectively.

The Hospital is located nine miles southwest of Star in the County Seat of Troy. Constructed in 1950, this facility serves the entire county. Two additions have been made since its original construction: one in 1955; the other in 1958. There are 50 beds and a medical staff of seven presently available to serve this area. Further, there is off-street parking for only 50 cars. Additions are in the planning stage, a study of future needs is currently being undertaken at a nearby University and other minor improvements are expected that should have beneficial effects on the quality of service rendered by this facility. Inasmuch as the Public Health Department of the University of North Carolina will soon publish its recommendations, none will be made here.

Though not a public facility, the Allen Home serves an important function in Star. Twenty-seven men and women live here at a site just a few blocks from the park. Residents are attended by a staff of twelve in spacious quarters. There is a long waiting list of elderly persons seeking admission and there is adequate land in which to expand this operation. The time is propitious for such an action.